

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 26 being independent. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Specification

The abstract of the instant application was objected to for including the word “comprises.” To overcome this objection, Applicants have amended the abstract of the instant application to replace the word “comprises” with the word “includes.” Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Double Patent Rejection

Claims 1-37 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent Number 7,302,456. In order to expedite prosecution of the instant application and without prejudice to the claimed subject matter, a terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith to overcome the above-stated rejection.

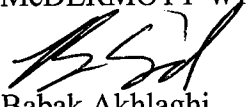
Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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